

LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION  
AGENDA FOR MEETING OF MAY 25, 1965

1. Approval of Minutes of meeting of April 27, 1965 (2)
2. Ratification of approval of Contract No. 5595 for construction of boat piers on D'Arbonne Lake, Lincoln and Union Parishes, J. L. McMichael, Contractor. (2)
3. Ratification of approval of Contract No. 5602 for repairs and additions to the Lake Dauterive Boat Launching Ramp on Lake Dauterive, St. Martin Parish, Howard Construction Company Inc., Contractor. (2)
4. Ratification of acceptances of following contracts:
  - No. 5541 Boat Launching Ramp and Access Road Bayou D'Arbonne Lake, Union Parish, H & H Dirt Contractors Inc., Contractors. (3)
  - No. 5569 Boat Launching Ramp, wharves, etc. on Anacoco Lake, Vernon Parish, State Contractors of St. Helena Inc., Contractor. (4)
5. Acceptances of the following Boat Launching Contracts:
  - No. 5540 Boat Launching Ramp at Bayou D'Arbonne on D'Arbonne Lake, Lincoln Parish, H & H Dirt Contractors, Inc., Contractors. (5)
  - No. 5551 Boat Launching Ramp on Bayou D'Arbonne Lake at south end of dam in Union Parish. H & H. Dirt Contractors, Inc. Contractors. (6)
6. Pan American Petroleum Corp request for Drilling on State Lease 4080, Well No. 3, Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge (7)
7. Jahncke Service Inc. application for permit to dredge shells in Little Lake, Jefferson & Lafourche Parish. (8)
8. Marshland Dredging Co. request for permit to dredge fill material from Mississippi River at Central, La. (10)
9. Louisiana Materials Company application to dredge sand, gravel fill material in Mississippi River. (11)
10. Cities Service Oil Company request to drill on State Lease 4388, Well No. 1, Pass-a-Loutre Refuge. (13)
11. Resolution endorsing S.B. 60-Raising Director's salary (14)
12. Resolution opposing transfer of Conservation Funds. (14)
13. Other business Rescinding resolution of 2/4/65 requiring 15 days written notice before presenting applications for consideration (17)

Opposition to Bait Shrimp bill #232 Resolution (18)

PROCEEDINGS OF MEETINGS  
OF THE  
LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION  
MAY 24 and 25, 1965

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The regular monthly meetings of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission were held in New Orleans, on Monday and Tuesday, May 24 and 25, 1965.

Monday's meeting consisted of conferences with Division Chiefs on Department matters, conference with Mr. Glenn King, Pan American Corporation, and preparation of the Agenda for the Public Meeting.

The Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, May 25, 1965, at 10:00 A.M., in Room 226, Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission Building, New Orleans, La.

Members present at both meetings were:

- ✓ John Edwin Kyle Jr., Chairman
- ✓ H. B. Fairchild, Vice-Chairman
- ✓ A. J. Buquet
- ✓ John Paul Grain
- ✓ Hobson Norris
- ✓ Jimmie Thompson
- ✓ H. Clay Wright

Absent:

None

The meeting was called to order and Chairman Ryle stated the first order of business was approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.

On motion of Mr. Crain, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, and unanimously adopted, the reading of the minutes of the regular meetings, held on April 26 and 27, 1965, was dispensed with and the minutes were approved as submitted to the Commission members.

Mr. Kenneth Smith, Assistant Chief, Fish and Game Division, was called to the floor relative to the next item on the Agenda.

Mr. Smith requested ratification of approval of contracts for boat launching ramps and boat piers, to be constructed under the Accelerated Public Works Programs and under the supervision of the Department of Public Works.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Thompson, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission does hereby formally ratify the approval of the following contracts:

Contract No. 5595, Boat piers on D'Arbonne Lake, Lincoln and Union Parishes, J. L. McMichael, Contractor, in the amount of \$8,610.34

Contract No. 5602, Repairs and additions to the Lake Deuterive Boat Launching Ramp, St. Martin Parish, Howard Construction Company Inc. Contractor, in the amount of \$4,677.40

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and he is hereby authorized to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Smith also requested ratification of acceptances of the following contracts:

No. 5541, Boat Launching Ramp and Access Road,  
Bayou D'Arbonne Lake, Union Parish,  
H & H Dirt Contractors Inc., Contractors.

No. 5569, Boat Launching Ramp, wharves, etc. on  
Anacoco Lake, Vernon Parish, State  
Contractors of St. Helena Inc., Contractors.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Thompson,  
the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Chief Engineer of the Department of Public Works, State of Louisiana, has certified to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the Contractor has completed Contract No. 5541, between the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and H & H Dirt Contractors, Inc., Contractor for the construction of a Boat Launching Ramp, Parking Area, Recreational Area and Access Road on Bayou D'Arbonne Lake, in Union Parish, and has recommended that same be accepted:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the work done by H & H Dirt Contractors Inc., Contractor, under Contract

No. 5541, with said Commission, dated November 13, 1964, be and the same is hereby accepted and extension of time granted to the date of this acceptance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the action of the Director, under date of April 30, 1965, wherein he filed notice of acceptance with the Clerk of Court of Union Parish, be and the same is hereby approved and ratified.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Thompson, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Chief Engineer of the Department of Public Works, State of Louisiana, has certified to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the Contractor has completed Contract No. 5569, between State Contractors of St. Helena, Inc., and Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, for the construction of a boat Launching ramp, a pair of wharves, and a parking area, on Anacoco Lake, in Vernon Parish, and has recommended that same be accepted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the work done by State Contractors of St. Helena, Inc., Contractor, under Contract No. 5569, with said Commission, dated February 23, 1965, be and the same is hereby accepted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the action of the Director, under date of May 3, 1965, wherein he filed

notice of acceptance with the Clerk of Court of Vernon Parish, be and the same is hereby approved and ratified.

Mr. Smith recommended acceptance of the following contracts:

No. 5540 Boat Launching Ramp at Bayou D'Arbonne, Lincoln Parish, H & H. Dirt Contractors, Inc.

No. 5551 Boat Launching Ramp on Bayou D'Arbonne Lake at south end of dam in Union Parish, H & H Dirt Contractors Inc. Contractors

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Thompson, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Chief Engineer of the Department of Public Works, State of Louisiana, has certified to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the Contractor has completed Contract No. 5540, between the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and H & H Dirt Contractors, Inc., for the construction of a Boat Launching Ramp, Parking Area, and Access Road at Bayou D'Arbonne on D'Arbonne Lake, in Lincoln Parish, and has recommended that same be accepted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the work done by H & H Dirt Contractors, Contractor, under Contract No. 5540, with said Commission, dated November 13, 1964, be and the same is hereby accepted and extension of time granted to the date of this acceptance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and he is hereby authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this resolution in the mortgage records of the Parish of Lincoln, Louisiana.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Thompson, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Chief Engineer of the Department of Public Works, State of Louisiana, has certified to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the Contractor has completed Contract No. 5551, between the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and H & H Dirt Contractors, for the construction of a boat launching ramp and access road on Bayou D'Arbonne Lake at south end of dam, in Union Parish, and has recommended that same be accepted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the work done by H & H. Dirt Contractors, Contractor, under Contract No. 5551, with said Commission, dated November 16, 1964, be and the same is hereby accepted and extension of time granted to the date of this acceptance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and he is hereby authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this resolution in the mortgage records of the

Parish of Union, Louisiana.

Mr. Ensminger was called to the floor relative to request of Pan American Petroleum Corporation for extending their roadway to a drilling site on State Lease 4080, Well No. 3, located on Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge.

Mr. Ensminger stated that Pan American Petroleum Corporation plans to drill an additional well South of the main headquarters canal and that they requested permission to extend their existing roadway and utilize the barge type bridge for access to this drilling site. He stated that we made a thorough examination of the proposed route and find that this will cause no problems to the administration of the Refuge and he recommended that they be granted permission to extend their road system to service this well site.

On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that request of Pan American Petroleum Corporation for extending their roadway to a drilling site on State Lease No. 4080, Well No. 3, on Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge, be and the same is hereby approved, provided the barge across the boat house navigation canal is left open during daylight hours except when traffic to the drilling site is crossing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and he



is hereby authorized to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Dr. St. Amant was called to the floor relative to applications for permits.

Dr. St. Amant read the following application from Jahncke Service Inc., New Orleans, La., dated May 6, 1965:

"Application is hereby made to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission for an exclusive permit to remove shells from:

LITTLE LAKE, Jefferson and Lafourche Parishes, Louisiana, bounded on the North East and West by the marshy shores of the Lake and on the South by Latitude  $29^{\circ}30'$  N. Entire area is contained within Long.  $90^{\circ}07'$  W. and Long.  $90^{\circ}14'$  W. and Lat.  $29^{\circ}30'$  N. and Lat.  $29^{\circ}35'$  N.

"This permit is requested for a period of five years, commencing June 1, 1965 and terminating May 31, 1970.

"The applicant agrees to comply with all rules and regulations set forth by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission pertaining to the removal of shell from the water bottoms of the state, the same as applicant is doing in its shell operations in three other areas of the State.

"Attached is a sketch indicating in red the area in which we wish to dredge shell.

"The applicant is aware that when permit has been granted, permission will have to be obtained from the District Engineer, U.S. Army Engineer District, for this marine activity. This will be done immediately after receiving permit from the Commission.

"We trust the Commission will act favorably upon our request.

Very truly yours,

JAHNCKE SERVICE INC.

(Signed) Walter Jahncke

Dr. St. Amant stated that Jahneke Service Inc. requested a permit to dredge for shells in the northern half of Little Lake, in Jefferson and Lafourche Parishes, specifically in that portion of the Lake north of Latitude 29 degrees 30 minutes. He stated that this request was examined and it was found to meet all of the requirements set forth by this Commission. A study of the past shell dredging operations in Little Lake indicates that shell dredging can be allowed and has been carried out in the northern half of the Lake without materially damaging oyster culture in the southern portion of the Lake.

Dr. St. Amant recommended that a permit be granted to Jahneke Service Inc. to operate in Little Lake only in that portion lying north of Latitude 29 degrees 30 minutes.

On motion of Mr. Crain, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the request from Jahneke Service Inc., for permit to dredge for shells in the northern half of Little Lake, in Jefferson and Lafourche Parishes, only in that portion of the Lake north of Latitude 29 degrees 30 minutes, be and the same is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Dr. St. Amant read the following application for permit from Marshland Dredging Company, Baton Rouge, La., dated May 3, 1965:

"We wish to submit our application for the dredging of fill material from the Mississippi River in the immediate vicinity of Central, Louisiana, from the river bottom outside of the mean low water line adjacent to the east bank, levee station 3300+00.

"Enclosed is a copy of our drawing submitted for approval by the Corps of Engineers. Also included is a profile of the proposed work location. This fill will be deposited onto the batture at this point and will be truck hauled to local construction sites. At the present time, it is estimated that about 30,000 cubic yards will be required.

"We have already made application for permission from the Corps of Engineers, Department of Public Works and the Pontchartrain Levee Board.

Very truly yours,

Marshland Dredging Company

(S) P. J. LeBlanc, Jr., President"

Dr. St. Amant stated that Marshland Dredging Company requested permit to dredge for fill material in the Mississippi River at Central, Louisiana, in the vicinity of Levee Station 3300. He stated application met all of the requirements set forth by this Commission and had been examined and determined that it will in no way affect wild life and fisheries, and he recommended that this permit be granted.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Crain, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that request for permit to dredge fill material from the Mississippi River at Central, Louisiana, in the vicinity of Levee Station 3300, be and the same is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Buquet inquired if this application was the one voted on previously by telephone poll. When told that it was, Mr. Buquet stated that he agreed with the ratification of the action, but because of his lack of knowledge of the details of the permit, he wanted the record to show that he did not cast a ballot at the time he was polled.

Dr. St. Amant read the following application for permit to dredge sand, gravel and/or fill material in the Mississippi River, from Louisiana Materials Company Inc. dated May 11, 1965:

"We respectfully request a permit to dredge sand, gravel, and/or fill material within the following areas.

Mile Post 126 to 132  
Mile Post 161 to 171  
Mile Post 183 to 187

"Attached hereto is a plat showing the areas clearly marked for which this permit is requested.

"Your prompt attention to this request will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted

Louisiana Materials Co. Inc.

(S) James L. McConnell,  
Vice-President"

Dr. St. Amant stated that Louisiana Materials Co. Inc. requested a permit to dredge three sites in the Mississippi River, at Mile Posts 126 to 132, 161 to 171 and 183 to 187. He said that the application was examined and found that it met all of the requirements set forth by this Commission and will in no way affect wildlife and fisheries interests in the areas involved. Dr. St. Amant recommended that the permit be granted.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Buquet, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that application for permit from Louisiana Materials Company Inc. to dredge for sand, gravel and/or fill material in three sites in the Mississippi River, at Mile Posts 126 to 132, 161 to 171 and 183 to 187, be and the same is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Ensminger was called to the floor relative to request of Cities Service Oil Company, dated May 10, 1965.

Mr. Ensminger stated that Cities Service Oil Company requested permission to dig a short stub canal on the Pass-a-Loutre Wildfowl Management Area, near the north boundary line to serve as a drilling site for an offset location on State Lease 4388, Well No. 1, which covers a portion of the waterbottoms in Pass-a-Loutre. He stated that this short stub canal will in no way damage wildlife resources of the area, and will be completely enclosed by a spoil excavated from the canal and drilling slip. Therefore, he recommended that Cities Service Oil Company be granted permission to excavate this drilling site.

On motion of Mr. Crain, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that Cities Service Oil Company be granted permission to dig an access canal and drilling site for offset location on State Lease 4388, Well No. 1, at Pass-a-Loutre Waterfowl Management Area, and that the Director be authorized to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

The next item on the Agenda was relative to Senate Bill No. 60 - raising the Director's salary.

Mr. Buquet stated that the Director's salary should be increased due to the limitation placed on the salaries of key employees under the Director. Therefore, it was imperative that the Commission endorse this Bill for the betterment of the employees as a whole.

When the Director was asked if he had any comments to make on this Bill, he replied "Go ahead and endorse it".

On motion of Mr. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Wright, and unanimously adopted, the Commission endorsed Senate Bill No. 60 to increase the salary of the Director of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission from \$10,000 to \$15,000 per annum.

Mr. Thompson stated that due to the fact the Division of Administration for the State of Louisiana recommended the transfer of the sum of \$3,500,000.00 from the Conservation fund to the General Fund of the State, that this Commission should adopt a resolution asking the Governor and the Legislature to leave the Conservation Fund as it is and copies of this resolution be sent to the Governor and members of the House and Senate as soon as possible.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Buquet, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

**"Greetings to the Hon. John J. McKeithen, Governor of the State of Louisiana, and the Honorable Members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana:**

- 1. WHEREAS, the Division of Administration for the State of Louisiana has recommended the transfer of the sum of three and one-half million dollars (\$3,500,000) from the Conservation Fund to the General Fund of the State, and**
- 2. WHEREAS, the aforesaid transfer of funds has not been recommended or approved by the Governor or Legislature of this State, and**
- 3. WHEREAS, the aforesaid transfer of funds would be improper and possibly illegal for the reasons that:**
  - a) The Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has been informed by the Office of Coordinator, Pittman-Robertson Fund, that Federal Law, 50 Stat. 917, as amended, U.S.C. 669-669(1) requires that all fishing and hunting license revenues be used for no other purpose than fish and wildlife restoration if the State is to qualify for Federal Aid to Wildlife Restoration Funds, indicating that the transfer of the aforesaid funds will apparently jeopardize the Pittman-Robertson and Dingell-Johnson Funds.**



- b) The Conservation Fund is made up, to the extent of 45%, by monies paid by Louisiana sportsmen for game license fees. Such license fees have been willingly paid by said sportsmen in the belief that such funds would be used solely for the preservation and promotion of fish and wildlife. The aforesaid transfer of funds to the General Fund would necessarily involve the ultimate expenditure of such funds for purposes other than the preservation and promotion of fish and wildlife, thus involving a breach of faith with the sportsmen of this State.
- c) The aforesaid funds are vitally needed for the purposes set forth in the budget submitted by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, and

4. WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission is aware that the aforesaid transfer of funds must, in effect, be ultimately approved by the Honorable Governor and Legislature of this State,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby, by unanimous vote of said Commission members, petition the Governor and the Legislature of this State to prevent and/or omit any

transfer of funds whatsoever from the Conservation Fund to the General Fund of this State.

Mr. Fairchild asked for the floor and stated that at the present time we have a resolution which was passed on February 4, 1965 to the effect that all applications from individuals, or corporations, who desire to have their applications considered at our regular board meetings had to be presented 15 days prior to the meeting. He stated that due to the fact this caused undue delay and hardship for the people making application that he would recommend that this resolution be rescinded.

On motion of Mr. Fairchild, seconded by Mr. Crain, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the resolution adopted at the special board meeting, held on February 4, 1965, requiring applications from individuals, corporations or organizations to be presented to the Director, in writing, at least 15 days prior to the meeting at which the matter is to be discussed, is hereby revoked and rescinded. However, in no case does the Commission obligate itself to act on applications which are presented at the last minute until representatives of this Commission have had ample time to study the situation and make recommendations regarding the work.

Mr. Thompson called upon Dr. St. Amant relative to House Bill No. 232 by Mr. Moreau regarding the taking of bait shrimp during the closed season.

Dr. St. Amant stated that House Bill No. 232 as proposed by Mr. Moreau is exactly the same Bill which Mr. Book and he had examined last week and concluded that it would virtually open the way for commercial fishermen to legally trawl in closed season provided they claim to be bait dealers and furnish a performance bond to the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission.

Dr. St. Amant stated a number of things are wrong with the Bill as follows:

- "1) Enforcement agents operating on the water would have a considerable problem in determining whether or not the man was a legal bait dealer or not.
- "2) A more serious consequence would be the fact that a great number of people would be willing to pay the bond and establish themselves as legal bait dealers in order to catch and sell shrimp during the closed season. Particularly in the vicinity of New Orleans, the Rigolets, probably Grand Isle and Golden Meadow, a small operator could develop a considerable business selling shrimp in ten pound lots directly to the consumer. Furthermore, there would be no reason to believe that a consumer

could not bring his wife and children to buy ten pounds for each. There is no way to guarantee that a man purchasing shrimp in closed season will use them for bait. In and around large cities where the fisherman is doing business directly with the consumer, it is quite likely that a sizable business in outlaw shrimp sales will develop.

"3) According to Mr. Book, it would be impractical and almost impossible to enforce or maintain reasonable surveillance over such a system.

"4) After discussing this with Mr. Moreau, he indicated that he did not think the enforcement problem was of any serious consequence and would continue to push the Bill unless it had some effect on the shrimp population."

Dr. St. Amant stated that he tried to explain to Mr. Moreau that a reasonable harvesting of shrimp for bait only would probably not affect the shrimp population or the industry, provided it could be regulated, and that he had made some recommendations to him and he agreed to take them under consideration, but the present Bill, as written, has omitted all suggestions.

Dr. St. Amant stated, in his opinion, this Bill should be opposed as written or else be amended according to his recommendations/

On motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Norris,  
the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and  
Fisheries Commission, by unanimous vote of its Board Members,  
does hereby oppose and recommend against the passage of House  
Bill No. 232, which would permit the licensing and trawling  
of shrimp by bait dealers in the closed or open shrimp  
season.

There being no further business to come before the  
Board, on motion of Mr. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Thompson,  
the meeting adjourned.

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J. D. Hair Jr., Director and Secretary

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